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SUBJECT: RUMORED SHIFT OF THAI AMBASSADORS

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1. THE REFERENCED FBIS ITEM CONTAINS AN ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE BANGKOK ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY, "THE NATION" OF JULY 31. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, AND A NEARLY IDENTICAL STORY IN THE "BANGKOK POST", THAI AMBASSADOR TO BONN, UPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN WILL MOVE TO WASHINGTON; ANAN PANYARACHUN IS TO BECOME UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE ARTICLES REPORTED SEVERAL OTHER AMBASSADORIAL SHIFTS AS WELL.

2. THE SECRETARY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER JULY 31 THAT HE COULD NOT CONFIRM ANY OF THESE CHANGES, AND THAT NO DECISIONS WERE FINAL. HE DID NOT DENY THE STORY'S ACCURACY, BUT SAID IT WAS PREMATURE AND THAT THE MINISTER HIMSELF HAD BEEN SURPRISED TO SEE IT IN PRINT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY A POOL OF CANDIDTAES FOR AMBASSADORIAL TRANSFERS AND THAT THE NEWSPAPERS HAD SIMPLY ASSIGNED THE MOST PROMINENT OF THESE ACCORDING TO THEIR SENIORITY. CONFIDENTIAL

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